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SUBJECT: Situation Report 1: Hurricane Ida

¶1. On November 4, 2009, the National Hurricane Center upgraded tropical depression 11 to tropical storm status. The tropical storm was located approximately 100 miles east of Bluefields, Nicaragua. By early November 5, the tropical storm was upgraded to category 1 Hurricane status as it neared Nicaragua's eastern coast. Hurricane Ida passed over the Corn Islands, moved north up the Atlantic Coast, making landfall near Sandy Bay on November 5. The storm is expected to pass near the communities of Rosita, Siuna, and Bonanza, exiting through the Rio Coco into Honduras.

¶2. As of Thursday afternoon, damage reports from the Corn Islands estimate 260 houses, four hotels and six boats were damaged; approximately 100 wells were contaminated.

¶3. Civil Defense estimates that approximately 6,400 persons have been evacuated in the North and South Atlantic Autonomous Regions.

¶4. USG ASSISTANCE. A two-person USAID/OFDA team is currently in Managua. They have met with Civil Defense and will remain in Managua for the next few days to collect more information and determine the most appropriate response. A third USAID/OFDA team member will travel to the Atlantic Coast to conduct damage assessments as weather permits.

¶5. The Government of Nicaragua has not requested assistance at this time.
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